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FOUR HURT IN JEEP ACCIDENT

Two Commandos and two merchant seamen were badly injured when their jeep overturned in King's Road just past Mackies' Wharf shortly after midnight yesterday.

The accident occurred at approximately 12.10 a.m. A Chinese motorist who was first on the scene found bodies scattered all over the road and pools of blood seemed to be everywhere. Three of the men were unconscious, while the fourth, on his hands and knees, was only partly conscious and unable to give a clear answer to anything said to him.

Subsequent examination of the scene by the Police showed that the jeep apparently got out of control and overturned two or three times, spilling bodies over the road as it went.

Injured were Harold Orchard and Frank Perry, of the ss. "Bar-deau Park," lying at Mackies' Wharf, and Ernest and McMerchie, of 1/6 Commando. The merchant seamen were taken to Queen Mary Hospital and the two soldiers to a military hospital. There are badly injured but all were reported to be progressing favourably yesterday evening.

Tan Ka-Ke Sends Cable

Singapore, Oct. 20. Mr. Tan Ka-kee, leader of the Singapore Chinese community and chairman of the China Relief Fund Committee for South-East Asia, has cabled his wishes for the success of the conference, to be held in San Francisco to demand the withdrawal of United States forces from China and to examine America's Far Eastern policy.

Among those to whom the cable was addressed, was Mr. Harry Bridges, leader of the International Longshoremen's Union (Congress of Industrial Organizations). Mr. Joseph Curran, vice-president of the CIO, and the President of the National Maritime Union.

Edward G. Robinson and Paul Robeson were also on the list and he told them: "You will be pleased to hear the Singapore Chinese have responded and are launching a 'United China Week' to campaign against American intervention in China from the 21st instant."—Reuter.

REIGN OF TERROR IN WESTERN MACEDONIA

Athens, Oct. 19. About 20 soldiers attacked the EAM (Left Wing organisation) centre in Kalithea, a suburb of south-west Athens tonight. Fifty members of the EAM defended the building, according to a police statement.

No firearms were used, but furniture was destroyed. A few civilians were among the injured. Police established order after arresting two soldiers and five EAM supporters, including a woman.

Meanwhile, a Reuter report from Hagia Nicholas in Gravena, Western Macedonia states that hundreds of villagers are fleeing from a reign of terror imposed by mountain rebels in that area to townships in the plains and the protection of the Greek Army and Gendarmerie.

Deserted Villages
Many villages in Northern Greece are now deserted.

The movement to towns started in some cases with the withdrawal of gendarmerie posts.

In that area in the Pindus mountains to the west and the Kheles mountains to the east, about 1,500 of an estimated total of 5,000 mountain rebels lie under cover, Nicholson concludes.

Many Supporters
A Greek Army brigade which has entrenched alongside strategic roads and bridges in the sur-

rounding countryside has its headquarters near Gravena and there is also a force of gendarmes.

The rebels, however, who have issued some battle communiques in the area and have given safe conduct to motorists sympathetic to their cause, do not regard the Army as their Number One enemy.

They know that among the Greek soldiery sent to search for them are many who share their political beliefs and who occasionally help to ruin army operations against the mountain gunmen by giving them adequate warning or firing wildly while in action, Nicholson concludes.—Reuter.

SUPPORT FOR BYRNES

Vandenberg's Plea For "Patient But Firm" Policy

ARCHBISHOP VICTOR

Shanghai, Oct. 20. A high Chinese police official told the "North China Daily News" that Archbishop Victor was arrested "on suspicion of having collaborated with the Japanese in Peking." The Archbishop is the Chinese representative of Archbishop Alexis of Moscow and All-Russia.—Reuter.

Appease The U.S.

Prague, Oct. 20. Rumours of possible Government changes to "appease the United States" spread in Czechoslovakia, which is shaken by the suspension of American credits on which it had counted in a two-year \$1,400,000,000 post-war reconstruction programme.

A report that the Communist Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Vladimír Clementis, might resign, drew an emphatic denial from a Foreign Office spokesman even as the Cabinet deliberated until a late hour. The State Department announced in Washington on Wednesday that it had broken off negotiations for a \$50,000,000 export-import bank loan to Czechoslovakia, and stopped the remaining \$40,000,000 of a \$50,000,000 credit to buy surplus U.S. Army goods.

If loss of United States credits should hamper the reconstruction plan, Communist Premier Klement Gottwald and other Leftist statesmen would run into growing political difficulties.—Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 20. Revised figures now place the total of lend-lease expenses including equipment and materials supplied by the United States to its wartime allies at about \$50,500,000,000. This is \$1,500,000,000 over the war-end estimate.—Associated Press.

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Pres. Truman Also To Speak?

Washington, Oct. 20. Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, today took a strong stand beside Secretary of State James F. Byrnes for a "patient but firm" policy toward Russia amid indications that President Truman might speak along the same lines this week.

As Vandenberg—a leading United States adviser at the Paris Peace Conference—followed up Byrnes' Friday night report on that meeting with a radio broadcast (see Page 2) for the support of "America's bi-partisan foreign policy," there were these developments at the White House:—

It was announced that President Truman's address opening the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Wednesday, will be a 25-minute speech.

It was disclosed that Truman had approved the Byrnes speech in advance—he had listened to it on the radio and had telephoned Byrnes immediately afterwards to express warm commendation; and

Conference

Truman, Byrnes, Under-Secretary of State Acheson and Senator Austin, Republican of Vermont, American delegates designate to the United Nations Organisation, had conferred for more than two hours on "United Nations matters."

UNO Address

The White House said nothing about the contents of Truman's UNO speech, but high Government officials observed that a speech of 25 minutes duration certainly would contain more than words of welcome.—Associated Press.

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Germany Necessary To Europe

Aboard the Queen Elizabeth.

Senator Tom Connally, Democrat, Texas, asserted today that the industrial rebirth of Germany was necessary for Europe and added that "the United States does not want to destroy" that "vanguished nation."

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, en route home from the Paris peace conference, made the statement at a news conference where he also expressed confidence that the United Nations Security Council would have the power to enforce any decisions it makes on Trieste despite the statement of Yugoslavia that she would not abide by the decisions of the Paris conference regarding that Adriatic port.

"Yugoslavia says she won't abide by the treaty but the powers can take action themselves under the terms of that treaty," Connally said. "If the Security Council by that time still has not forced of its own accord that it could ask and obtain them from Britain and the United States or other powers."

Connally said that "certainly we do not want another Fiume in case of trouble" referring to the unauthorised taking of Fiume by Italian ultranationalists after the end of the first world war.—Associated Press.

AUSTRIA AND THE SA

London, Oct. 20. Frankfurt radio quoted M. Oskar Helmer, the Austrian Minister of the Interior today as stating that Austria was not going to recognise the acquisition of SA (Brownshirts) by the Nuernberg Tribunal.

All the members of the SA who joined the organisation before March 1939 (the date of Hitler's occupation of Austria) will be tried for high treason and be liable to sentences of imprisonment ranging from two to ten years, the Minister was quoted as saying.—Reuter.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

London, Oct. 20. The King and Queen attended a special United Nations service in St. Paul's Cathedral today organised by the United Nations Association.

By direction of His Majesty the congregation sang a new verse of the National Anthem specially written for the United Nations. This reads: "New on this land alone, But by God's mercies known, From Shore to shore, Lord make the Nations see, That men should brothers be, And form one family, The Wide World Over."—Reuter.

U.S. To Open Embassy In India

Washington, Oct. 20. The United States and India will enter into full diplomatic relations on October 22 it was learned authoritatively here today.

The Indian Agency-General in Washington will immediately be raised to the rank of an Embassy, although an Indian Ambassador will not be named for some time. The United States Commission in New Delhi will be given Embassy status. The United States recognition which will be formally accorded to the Indian Interim Government and the Embassy in Washington will be India's first in the world.

Several weeks ago the State Department notified Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, vice-president of the Indian Interim Government, that the United States was prepared to establish full relations. An official announcement will be made simultaneously in Delhi and Washington on October 22—the day before the United Nations General Assembly meets in New York.—Reuter.

HOLY CHURCHILL FAMILY

Moscow, Oct. 20. "Pravda" says that the recent Conservative Party congress in Britain "once more demonstrated that British foreign policy is the same, whether controlled by the Conservatives or the Labourites." "Izvestia" administers an editorial spanking to Mr. Churchill under the headline "Holy Family." It says: "While Churchill himself sits in the chair of the Parliament after today's eruptions all over the world, his son, Randolph, makes anti-Soviet speeches in America."—Associated Press.

American Credits For Turkey

Washington, Oct. 20. Informed diplomatic officials today disclosed that the United States has extended credits of \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 to Turkey, which is currently resisting Russian demands for a share in the control of the Dardanelles.

The credits are designed to enable Turkey to hasten the modernisation of its railroads and industries. A Turkish Embassy official acknowledged the United States approval of Turkey's request for financial aid.

Export-Import Bank officials said that the American credit provides for repayment in five years at an interest rate of around four per cent annually. Government officials revealed that the Bank approved the Turkish credit of \$25,000,000 last July 8, but did not announce it publicly because no agreement will be transferred to Turkey under the special arrangement.

Instead of transferring the money from the bank to the Turkish Government (which is the usual procedure in granting loans) the bank will guarantee to American manufacturers to stand back of \$25,000,000 in Turkish Government orders. The bank apparently decided not to lend the money directly to

BOAC AIRCRAFT RELEASED

The BOAC flying boat with Major-General R.S.S. Denning, Principal Administrative Officer, South-East Asia Command, on board managed finally to get its clearance papers from the Chinese authorities in Hainan late on Saturday afternoon and arrived at Kai Tak yesterday morning.

The aircraft landed at Hoihow, Hainan Island, on Wednesday after turning back while en route to Hong Kong from Bangkok owing to adverse weather conditions.

Despite the fact that it was obviously an emergency landing and despite assurances from Nanking that the local authorities have already been notified to grant clearance papers to British aircraft in such circumstances, no one in Hoihow could be found willing to assume responsibility for issuing the necessary clearance documents.

Once again, an aircraft unable to reach Kai Tak and forced to touch down in Chinese territory was held up. Local officials were brimful of courtesy, but would not sign the necessary forms until Canton had been communicated with and the necessary sanction received.

Major-General Denning—who was to have returned to Singapore in the "Orlando"—and the other 14 passengers were given an opportunity to enjoy such sights and amenities as Hoihow is able to offer.

"Enjoyable"

They were housed and met by the Chinese Air Force during their enforced stay and most of them report that they had an "enjoyable time." A few, however, who saw all they wanted to see of Hoihow from the air and who were impatient to get on to Hong Kong were not quite so diplomatic in their comments.

The plane was originally due to leave Bangkok on Tuesday for Hong Kong. Adverse weather caused a 24-hour delay, after which the plane took off. Visibility and flying conditions deteriorated rapidly as the aircraft neared Hong Kong and when it was about half an hour's flying time from Kai Tak it turned back and landed at Hoihow. Passengers in the plane, in addition to General Denning, were Mrs. Olane, Capt. Christianson, Commander Bealls, Warrant Officers Biggins and Harrison, and Messrs. Monk, Edette, Bongal, Walter, Rajah, Juhl, Bala and the Rev. Mr. Verond.

THE WEATHER

General situation—An anti-cyclone covers China and Japan and pressure remains relatively low elsewhere. A trough of low pressure extends from south India to the Marianas. At 0800 hours G.M.T. the typhoon was centred 200 miles north-east of Manila and was moving west-north-west or north-west at 10 to 15 knots.

Today's forecast.—Moderate north or north-east winds with fine weather at first, but winds freshening and clouds increasing towards end of period.

Yesterday's temperature.—Maximum: 80.8 deg. Minimum: 63.0 deg. Rainfall: NIL. Sunshine: 11.2 hours. Max. Rel. Humidity: 85 per cent.

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KING LEOPOLD

While King Leopold of Norway and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands are safely back on their thrones, King Leopold of Belgium is in exile in Switzerland. For the Belgians, like the Greeks and Italians, are still deeply split on the monarchical question. And this in spite of the fact that 90 per cent of the Belgians are staunch monarchists. Ever since Belgium won her freedom in 1830 she has been ruled by a branch of the German royal house of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha of which Leopold is the direct descendant. Unity of the Walloons and Flemings who make up Belgium's population never could have been maintained except under a constitutional monarch springing from neither race. There are about three million Walloons and about four million Flemings. Neither would be prepared to accept the other's dominance. It has long been a maxim of the Belgians' politics that if Belgium became a republic, the king would have to become hereditary president. There can be no doubt that the constitutional monarchy has been the cement which has preserved unity of the Belgian state. This is realized by the Belgian people and explains why at least 90 per cent desires continuation of the monarchy. At the same time the country is divided almost equally on whether or not King Leopold shall be allowed to return. His personality and record have become the liveliest issues in Belgian politics and with the country so evenly divided it is almost impossible to procure a decision either way.

The main support for Leopold is from the Catholic church and hierarchy which is headed by that powerful and able churchman, the Cardinal of Malines. The Catholic church is strongest among Flemings and there is certainly a majority for Leopold among them. By contrast, the Walloons whose Catholicism is less profound, are for the most part opposed to Leopold's return. The vigorous fashion in which the church has supported Leopold has led all those who disapprove of the church's influence in politics to throw their weight against his return. Though Belgium is for the most part devoutly Catholic, there is a strong anticlerical minority, particularly among professional classes in Brussels and other commercial cities. As a result, the issue of monarchy and even the personal issue of Leopold does not follow normal party lines. For in Belgium, there are other cleavages which cut clear across ordinary political terminology of right and left. Even the Communist party, which though small is well organized, has not declared against the monarchy. Though Belgian political parties are strongly divided on the monarchical issue, feeling does not run high, for Belgians have a lot of political common sense. At the same time, inability to achieve a decision in this constitutional question is politically inconvenient. Members of the Catholic party, which is the largest in the new parliament, insist that the question of Leopold's return should be settled by a plebiscite, in which they are confident he would again gain a majority. So the Socialists who are the next strongest party resist the plebiscite, partly because they think Leopold would win but also because they think his return would divide rather than unite Belgium. There is no doubt a lot in this argument. A king, whose function it is to be above party politics and to enshrine traditions and the constitution of his country, cannot easily submit himself to a plebiscite without thereby losing those very qualities of detachment, continuity and independence which are among the most valuable assets of any hereditary monarchy. Meanwhile this split between Catholics and Socialists results in the former, despite their numerical superiority, being excluded from office. The government consists

MASS SLAUGHTER IN
EASTERN BENGAL

Calcutta, Oct. 19.

Thousands of Hindu women were tonight reported to be fleeing in terror into the towns of Eastern Bengal from the threat of "abduction and forced conversion" to Islam—and a harem—according to refugees swarming into Calcutta today.

One woman refugee broke down as she told how, like many other women, she hid in a water tank when her village was raided. Many of her neighbours died fighting for their honour.

At a prayer meeting in New Delhi today Mahatma Gandhi warned the Hindu women: "Take poison before submitting to dishonour."

Hindu reports said that whole villages had been given an ultimatum to join Islam under the threat of being burned to the ground. Many villages had agreed to forced conversion, the report added. Moslems claimed that the reports of forced conversion were "highly exaggerated, coloured and false."

Mass Slaughter

A telegram from a prominent Congress Party member in the Choumahani area of Noakhali reported that murder, looting, arson and forced conversion were continuing.

"Unconverted people are being slaughtered on a mass scale," the telegram said. "Complete military administration is required. The people are starving owing to a shortage of food supplies."—Reuter.

Need Urgent

Calcutta, Oct. 20. The President-elect of the Congress Party and Bengal Government officials went by plane to the Moslem dominated Tippera and Noakhali districts of Eastern Bengal today where one report said continuing Hindu and Moslem mob violence has affected 150,000 persons and 400 villages and resulted in 5,000 deaths.

V. Acharya Kripalani, who has been designated to succeed Jawaharlal Nehru as President of the predominantly Hindu Congress, headed Congress representatives in one plane while the Bengal Governor, Sir Frederick Burrows, the Chief Minister, Sir Haharadwy, and police inspector general, S. G. Taylor, went in another. Raghu Govinda Nath, Hindu President of the Noakhali peace committee who arrived in Calcutta, declared there is "urgent necessity for police and military help to relieve the marooned destitutes in the disturbed areas."

Girls Abducted

The British edited "Statesman" of Calcutta and Delhi, quoting a staff reporter telephoning from Chandpur, a subdivision of the Tippera district, declared that "the principal motive behind the lawlessness is conversion of the people to another faith and the abduction of women, mostly girls."

Estimating that about 150,000 people and 400 villages are affected by mob violence in East Bengal, the reporter said about 10,000 had been evacuated to Chandpur.

He said the normal trade channels collapsed and food shortage was keenly felt.—Associated Press.

Nehru Attacked

Peshawar, Oct. 20. A band of approximately 100 Moslems attacked the motor car caravan of Pandit Nehru at the tribal town of Tank yesterday.

In the ensuing stone throwing battle, 16 people were hurt with three sent to hospital, but no one was killed. Pandit Nehru's own car was not hit. A crowd estimated at 1,000 of mixed Moslems and Hindus, turned out on the airfield to welcome him.

When the caravan left, the field, a party of Moslems held back by the police began throwing stones.—Associated Press.

BRITISH LORRY BOMBED

Alexandria, Oct. 19. A bomb, thrown at a British army lorry, driving past the Faculty of Law at the Farouk Ayal University this afternoon, injured two British soldiers. The police are investigating.—Reuter.

A somewhat uneasy coalition of Socialists, Liberals and Communists, who, though they together have a small effective majority in the chamber, have a majority of only one in the senate. The logical arrangement would be a coalition of Socialists and Catholics but this cannot be achieved till the constitutional issue is settled.

Stalin
To Visit
U.S.?

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Oct. 20.

Generalissimo Stalin may visit the United States and possibly Canada early in November, the "Halifax Chronicle" reported today, quoting a "high-placed informant."

Although the report was unconfirmed, the informant said that a suite was being prepared for Generalissimo Stalin in the Conard White Star liner Aquitania and that he would be on board her next trip westward from Britain.

The Aquitania was chartered by the Ministry of Transport to take delegates to New York for the next meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers early in November. She would sail on Sunday week, Oct. 27, it was reported.—Reuter.

Crete Base
Rumour

London, Oct. 19.

Tass News Agency, in a dispatch from Athens distributed by the Soviet monitor in London yesterday, said that a correspondent of the Greek newspaper Eleftheria reported that the British authorities were considering transferring the British naval base from Alexandria to Crete.

Greek Vice-Premier Gonatas was quoted as commenting that he "knew nothing about the intentions of the British."

In London, an Admiralty spokesman said: "It's the first we've heard of it," adding, "this seems to be a rumour similar to the recent one that the naval base was going to be moved to Cyprus and there have been no plans for that."—Associated Press.

Senator Attacks
Wallace Clique

Washington, Oct. 20.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, yesterday described United States foreign policy as one of peace, and predicted that it would succeed "unless it is scuttled here at home."

Asked in a radio interview over the Columbia Broadcasting System network whether war with Russia was inevitable, Senator Vandenberg replied, "It must not be allowed to become inevitable."

He described "American groups which overzealously seek to make their own peace ideas impressive by using war as the frightening alternative."

Like Mr. James F. Byrnes, Secretary of State, who addressed the nation on Friday, Mr. Vandenberg, who also attended the Paris peace conference, re-

ported that some progress had been made there.

"Russia does not want war. America does not want war. We both are in the United Nations to prevent war. I hear much more war talk here than I did in Paris," he said.

"I would have America do everything consistent with her honour, her security and her ideals to ally any reasonable Russian grounds for fear, suspicion and mistrust," the Senator said.

He suggested that Russia do likewise.—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



BLUEPRINT FOR DEFENCE

Britain May Build Huge New Bases

Military Functions Of Empire

London, Oct. 20. Reorganization of Britain's lifeline to the Orient may mean establishment of a number of tremendous military bases on both the east and west coasts of Africa ringed by a 3,000 mile super-highway bisecting the dark continent. The shape of this gigantic Imperial defence programme was outlined by Colonial Office and War Office sources as an imposing group of Middle Eastern experts and leaders in both the military and political fields gathered in London for a series of conferences.

Behind the planning lay the British decision to withdraw from Egypt, the manifold political troubles of the Middle East and the costly lesson of world war II—that the Mediterranean is far from invulnerable.

From an informed military source came the disclosure that if the two coastal bases are established, a defence advisor will recommend construction of a highway linking them across equatorial Africa's deserts and swamps.

This source said examination of these intercontinental proposals would be one of the first tasks confronting Mr. A. V. Alexander, who has been designated new Defence Minister, and that Mr. Alexander is expected to submit an overall Imperial military strategy plan to the Cabinet soon after he assumes office.

Military Functions
For months Britain's military and political leaders—echoed and expanded by the press and forum—have been discussing the strategic situation that would result from evacuation of Egypt and independence of India.

A military source said a report submitted to Prime Minister Clement Attlee included a four-point definition of Britain's "military functions" in the Middle East.

These, he said, were:
First, defence of the international lifeline now running from Gibraltar and Suez and into the India Ocean.

Second, defence of the Middle Eastern airfields so vital to modern communications.

Third, defence of oil interests in Iran and Iraq, and

Fourth, maintenance of a long-standing treaty with the Arab world and expansion of friendship with Turkey.—Associated Press.

Less Hot Air Plea

New York, Oct. 20. In a new bid for cooperation among the major powers in the United Nations Security Council, United States Delegate Herschel V. Johnson called for an end of "the wild and unsubstantiated charges, harsh accusations and countercharges within the council."

Speaking before the foreign policy association—as delegates from 51 nations gathered for Wednesday's opening of the United Nations general assembly—Johnson criticised what he called "misuse of the Council for propaganda purposes" and too frequent use of the veto.

He declared that people throughout the world "react with deep misgivings" to the way the Security Council has operated so far and added "all of us, I think, feel the need of substituting a spirit of co-operation for one of recrimination. We can if we will change the climate of international intercourse by trying harder to win the peace than to win a point in debate."—Associated Press.

C-IN-C IN GREECE

Athens, Oct. 19. Admiral Sir Agernon Willis, Commander-in-Chief of the British Mediterranean Fleet, arrived in Patras Bay from Salonika in his flagship, the 9,400 ton cruiser Liverpool today.—Reuter.

HAGANAH THREAT

Jerusalem, Oct. 20. The Haganah—controlled secret Jewish radio "Voice of Israel" alleged yesterday that the talks between Jewish Agency representatives and the British Government which concluded in London on Friday were inconclusive and no substantial increase in Jewish immigration to Palestine had been granted.

Under those circumstances, the source said, the Jewish resistance movement is obliged to increase its strength for the forthcoming struggle for Jewish national interests and for large-scale immigration.—Associated Press.

Soviets Unearth Relics

Moscow, Oct. 10. An ancient musical instrument resembling a flute, estimated to be between three and four thousand years old, was found in a neolithic camp in Yakutia, explored by an expedition of the Moscow Institute of Material Culture, which has just returned from the extreme north of Siberia.

Among the finds by the expedition were ancient workshops of stone and camps of hunters dating back 3,000 years, and ancient dwellings made of wood and earth, containing stone axes with wooden handles, finely ornamented harpoons and an "unique" statuette representing a polar bear. All were well preserved in the frozen ground.

The explorers concluded that the Siberian northern shores were once inhabited by hunters of sea animals, apparently the ancestors of the Eskimos of today.—Reuter.

Nightmare Voyage Described

Bristol, Oct. 19. Seven West African firemen and trimmers of the British ship Princessa (8,000 tons) appeared before magistrates here today, a sequel to a 52-day nightmare voyage from Buenos Aires.

The men, charged with "continued wilful disobedience to lawful commands," were remanded until Thursday.

A detective inspector, who led a posse of police to the ship to take the men into custody, told the court that "other charges, possibly of a more serious nature, will definitely be preferred."

The Princessa docked at Avonmouth near here yesterday, three weeks late with five of her firemen in irons. The police took charge of the ship's log, which contained references to a long series of incidents, which began when the ship left South America and continued until she was near home waters.

Beside 14 passengers, the ship carried 21,400,000 worth of Argentine meat—the British ration for one week.

One passenger said that when the ship ran into a storm off Brazil the white crew had to go down into the boiler room to raise enough steam to keep her head to the heavy sea.—Reuter.

A Franco Climdown

Madrid, Oct. 19. Spain has agreed to treat with Britain, the United States and France concerning the disposal of official German properties and assets in Spain, Senor Jose Irujo Martin, Minister of National Education, told newspapermen here today.

He said that the Cabinet had approved the draft proposal by the Foreign Minister, Senor Alberto Martin Artajo that he conclude with the three countries an agreement for general negotiations for the disposal of property, taking into account the amounts which Germany may owe Spain.

The wording of a brief note issued in Madrid this morning caused much confusion in Allied diplomatic circles as it gave the impression that some agreement had been reached about the final disposal of German assets in Spain, whereas negotiations have not yet begun.

What the Spanish Government agreed to do in effect is, firstly, to accede to the French request to be included with Britain and the United States in these negotiations.

Secondly, it agreed for the first time to recognise the Allied Control Council in Berlin as the legitimate government of Germany for the purpose of legal ownership of German properties. As the Russians are not represented in Madrid, Spain considered that they cannot take part in the negotiations.—Reuter.

Another Chapter In An Old Story

London, Oct. 19. Tass Agency today continued its campaign against alleged British intrigues in Persia with a report of a talk broadcast from Moscow by the Soviet commentator Zelenkov.

The Agency quoted Zelenkov as saying: "Plotters and rebels are receiving their instructions from one and the same centre—the centre, which is interested in weakening Persia internationally and sapping its state foundations and dismembering it. Persian public men consider British Consul-General Trotter in Isfahan to be among the principal instigators and actual organisers of the anti-Government and anti-State plots in southern Persia."

"This consul, as well as the British Colonel Underwood and the political adviser of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, have not only instigated the reactionary Bushire and Qashqai khans and sheikhs of the Arab tribes to anti-Government action but have also worked out in detail rebellion plans."

Declaring that the main arena of Imperialist intrigue in Persia

is the Province of Huizestan, where the Anglo-Persian Oil Company has its enterprises, Zelenkov added: "British concession-exerts a great influence on the economy and politics of the country and is a kind of state within a state."

"The Huizestan events are exposing the Imperialists' plans which are aimed at weakening Persia and disrupting the country's democratisation. Simultaneously with these events a large-scale plot was being prepared in Bakhtiari, the mountainous district between Isfahan and Huizestan, inhabited by nomadic tribes. Asserting that the Fars rebellion which started in September was the answer to the fact that three representatives of the Peoples Party had joined the Persian Government, Zelenkov said: "On the eve of the rebellion the political adviser of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company arrived in the capital of Fars."—Reuter.



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Wholesale Prices' Index

The following index of wholesale prices has been constructed on the basis of declared quantities and c.i.f. values of commodities imported into the Colony: the index numbers are not "weighted": the year 1938 has been selected as the base period as representing a normal year.

Groups	1938	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Foodstuffs	100	155.4	768.6	690.3	707.3	684.7	694.1	694.1	694.1
Textiles	100	138.3	818.6	838.1	862.6	856.7	819.1	819.1	819.1
Metals & Minerals	100	160.2	808.2	286.1	234.5	283.8	268.1	268.1	268.1
Miscellaneous	100	169.9	718.9	583.1	473.6	446.7	486.1	486.1	486.1

Individual Averages

Groups	1938	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Foodstuffs	1038	1941	1946	1946	1946	1946	1946	1946	1946
Beans	100	168.8	1,055.9	969.2	969.5	969.5	969.5	969.5	969.5
Beef	100	128.1	5,625.5	562.5	562.5	562.5	562.5	562.5	562.5
Eggs	100	110.0	3,744.7	720.4	911.2	911.2	911.2	911.2	911.2
Flour (wheat)	100	100.0	4,183.9	373.1	409.3	370.0	384.1	384.1	384.1
Flour (maize)	100	140.0	3,407.7	284.0	426.9	219.9	303.5	303.5	303.5
Fruits (fresh)	100	192.6	5,542.2	502.2	635.2	643.8	594.7	594.7	594.7
Lard	100	162.7	5,027.7	550.0	582.5	561.0	564.5	564.5	564.5
Milk (condensed)	100	165.9	2,012.4	209.5	177.3	163.0	184.9	184.9	184.9
Mutton	100	129.3	2,683.3	268.3	268.3	268.3	268.3	268.3	268.3
Onions	100	132.8	8,786.6	696.9	619.0	693.2	669.7	669.7	669.7
Peanut Oil	100	145.2	1,043.6	967.8	992.7	825.5	929.0	929.0	929.0
Pork	100	150.0	5,000.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0
Potatoes	100	163.7	6,422.2	867.9	352.9	677.9	632.9	632.9	632.9
Poultry	100	208.3	7,612.2	789.3	832.1	591.7	797.7	797.7	797.7
Rice (broken)	100	197.0	Nil	Nil	641.3	Nil	541.3	541.3	541.3
Rice (white)	100	173.4	8,895.5	1,086.6	1,093.4	923.2	1,034.4	1,034.4	1,034.4
Sugar (raw)	100	128.9	1,562.6	1,066.4	1,530.3	1,497.5	1,364.5	1,364.5	1,364.5
Veget. (dried)	100	146.3	6,213.6	731.7	683.0	842.7	752.5	752.5	752.5
Vermicelli	100	150.0	1,760.0	1,299.5	1,350.6	1,206.5	1,285.5	1,285.5	1,285.5
Average	100	155.4	7,686.0	690.3	707.3	684.7	694.1	694.1	694.1

* Index number for Australian meat only (1st 1/2 year, July, August, & September, 1946.)

Textiles

Groups	1938	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Cotton Yarn	100	113.8	1,524.6	1,278.5	1,081.5	1,249.2	1,203.1	1,203.1	1,203.1
" (dyed, plain)	100	131.8	1,550.0	2,427.3	1,336.4	995.5	1,586.4	1,586.4	1,586.4
Italians (dyed, figured, plain)	100	119.4	638.9	Nil	1,094.4	556.6	1,275.0	1,275.0	1,275.0
Shirtings (white, 40/43 yds.)	100	104.6	2,507.1	Nil	Nil	381.3	381.3	381.3	381.3
Hemp (Manila)	100	127.8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Conny Bags	100	214.3	439.3	446.4	417.9	439.3	451.2	451.2	451.2
Hessian Cloth	100	180.0	446.7	Nil	2,400.0	Nil	2,400.0	2,400.0	2,400.0
Silk Piece Goods	100	115.5	593.6	1,298.6	606.0	511.6	805.4	805.4	805.4
Silk Yarn (art.)	100	172.4	223.5	Nil	Nil	410.2	410.2	410.2	410.2
Blankets (wool & Union)	100	157.8	3,239.9	236.7	132.2	140.0	169.6	169.6	169.6
Flannels	100	93.5	186.6	306.9	275.2	369.5	317.2	317.2	317.2
Suits & Tweeds (woollen)	100	128.5	473.1	572.5	420.3	464.9	435.9	435.9	435.9
Average	100	132.3	818.8	938.1	962.6	556.7	819.1	819.1	819.1

Metals and Minerals

Groups	1938	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Brass Sheets	100	187.0	Nil	180.8	131.4	306.7	206.3	206.3	206.3
Yellow Metal Shee.	100	174.8	225.9	Nil	Nil	246.8	246.8	246.8	246.8
Coal	100	250.4	509.7	544.3	427.6	503.6	491.8	491.8	491.8
Iron & Steel Bars	100	135.1	231.2	210.0	152.5	229.7	197.4	197.4	197.4
Iron & Steel Nails	100	144.9	302.5	321.5	343.3	311.1	327.0	327.0	327.0
Iron & Steel Pl.	100	138.4	212.7	Nil	113.0	279.7	186.4	186.4	186.4
Lead (pig)	100	146.9	459.3	205.9	Nil	305.2	370.2	370.2	370.2
Kerosene	100	185.7	394.3	351.4	400.0	368.6	370.2	370.2	370.2
Oil, Fuel	100	146.5	Nil	145.0	Nil	151.5	268.7	268.7	268.7
Lubricating Oil	100	145.7	293.8	437.0	137.7	151.5	268.7	268.7	268.7
Petrol	100	98.7	206.5	151.2	172.4	178.9	167.5	167.5	167.5
Tin	100	169.1	245.7	220.8	177.7	209.5	202.7	202.7	202.7
Average	100	160.2	308.2	286.1	234.5	283.8	268.1	268.1	268.1

Miscellaneous

Groups	1938	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Cement	100	234.9	429.6	424.3	336.5	375.1	378.6	378.6	378.6
Charcoal	100	256.4	638.2	674.7	514.7	872.0	787.1	787.1	787.1
Feather (ducks)	100	120.0	336.9	240.4	251.1	309.4	267.0	267.0	267.0
Firewood	100	228.2	739.9	713.7	787.4	908.3	802.5	802.5	802.5
Hardwoods	100	127.7	2,453.8	494.0	851.5	775.4	707.3	707.3	707.3
Hides (cow)	100	96.4	303.1	316.9	305.8	210.1	277.6	277.6	277.6
Hides (buffalo)	100	139.7	993.0	384.6	310.5	364.8	336.6	336.6	336.6
Leather (goat)	100	105.5	253.6	379.3	391.2	337.9	369.5	369.5	369.5
Paper (Chinese)	100	116.0	443.4	317.3	438.8	409.1	388.4	388.4	388.4
Eastons	100	128.2	1,088.8	563.6	639.7	684.6	629.3	629.3	629.3
Saltpetre	100	201.9	916.0	1,070.4	Nil	359.8	715.1	715.1	715.1
Softwoods	100	188.7	409.3	405.2	385.6	208.2	333.0	333.0	333.0
Soda Ash	100	239.4	338.5	1,242.0	315.2	370.1	642.4	642.4	642.4
Sulphuric Acid	100	142.5	323.9	286.1	393.3	287.6	322.5	322.5	322.5
Sul. of Ammonia	100	213.9	1,720.4	Nil	Nil	230.0	230.0	230.0	230.0
Average	100	169.9	718.9	583.1	473.6	446.7	486.1	486.1	486.1

British Minister To The P.I.

The British Minister to the Philippines, Mr. L. H. Foulds, and Mrs. Foulds, were among the arrivals yesterday from the United Kingdom by H. M. Transport "Empress of Australia".

Mr. Foulds will be the first British Minister to the Commonwealth of the Philippines and will open the British Legation in Manila. Mr. Foulds is not new to the Philippines, for he has spent 12 years there. Mr. and Mrs. Foulds may be here several days before proceeding to Manila and are the guests of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Young at Government House.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcels Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below.

MONDAY, OCT. 21

Macao, Tananarive and Shetki (Krona, P.O. China) 10 a.m.

Haiti (Shetki) 10 a.m.

Swallow and Bangkok (Ta. Po Shan) 10 a.m.

Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America (via Vancouver B.C. (Samoa) Kowloon C.P.O. (Par.) 11 a.m. (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m. (G.P.O. (Par.) 11.30 a.m. (Reg.) 11.30 a.m. (Ord.) noon

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Variety.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Piano. Duets: Young and Forsyth.

1.30 p.m.—John Cross and New Symphony Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—"Services Music Box".

6.45 p.m.—Gerald and His Orchestra.

7.05 p.m.—"Night Day" Programme.

7.20 p.m.—Studio "Like What I Like" (Honor Ewart).

8.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

8.15 p.m.—London Transcription Service: Elizabeth Welch introduces "All Juke Box".

8.45 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. Al Ewing.

9.00 p.m.—"Something for Everybody" Music for all tastes.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

10.05 p.m.—"From the Show"—Musical Comedy.

10.25 p.m.—Blinky Korakov: "La Coo D'Or"—Sultra.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Johannesburg, Cairo, London, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) Kowloon C.P.O. (Reg.) 1 p.m. (Ord.) 1.30 p.m. (G.P.O. (Reg.) 1.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Shanghai (Samakia) 3 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa (Samaritick) Kowloon C.P.O. (Par.) 2 p.m. (Reg.) 2 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m. (G.P.O. (Par.) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai (G.N.S.A.C. Elan) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

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U.S. FOOTBALL

New York, Oct. 20.

Football scores: Yale 6, Cornell 6 (tie); North Carolina 21, Navy 14; St. Mary's of California 35, Fordham 2; Army 48, Columbia 14; Pennsylvania 40, Virginia 0; New York University 6, Rochester 0; Harvard 6, Coast Guard 0; Brown 20, Dartmouth 13; Princeton 14, Rutgers 6; Syracuse 21, Holy Cross 12; Duke 12, Richmond 0; Fort Belvoir 30, Quantico Marines 6; Tennessee 12, Alabama 0; Virginia Military Institute 25, Davidson 0; Georgia 33, Oklahoma Aggies 13; Iowa 13, Indiana 0; Illinois 26, Wisconsin 21; Northwestern 14, Michigan 14 (tie); Purdue 14, Ohio State 14 (tie); Missouri 33, Iowa State 13; Nebraska 16, Kansas 14; Louisiana Tech 7, Mississippi 6; Tulane 32, Auburn 0; Kentucky 10, Vanderbilt 7; Fort Benning 44, Cherokee Point Marines 0; Washington Institute 15, Yisk University 0; Washington University 0, Southern California 28; University of California at Los Angeles 13, California 6; Santa Clara 26, Stanford 33; New York 21, Brooklyn 10—Associated Press.

SOFTBALL

Two friendly softball games were played during the week-end before a large crowd of softball enthusiasts. At King's Park, H.K. Electric suffered their first defeat by Way Fong last year league runners-up, to whom they went down 4-9, while the Canadian Chinese defeated USS Neches by 8 runs to 7.

Billy Soares and Enrico Rosario were the outstanding players for Way Fong while "Shorty" Rumbahn and R. A. Souza played brilliantly for the losers.

In the USS Neches-Canadian Chinese game, Thompson's "smoke ball" had one Chinese batter after another whiffing the air. But they improved as the game went on and managed to win by one run.

Softball Meeting

A meeting of Club representatives will be held at Dr. F. J. Malthen's Office, Shell House, on Friday at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Battledress Stars' "Jamboree"

Close on the heels of the No. 1 R.A.F. Gang show, which left the Colony yesterday, comes another Services show, this time from the Army: the Stars in Battledress Swing Revue, "Jamboree".

The Stars in Battledress organization is run by the War Office and was started in 1942 by Capt. George Black, Jnr., son of the famous producer. He established a pool of artists in London from theatricals and musicians who were serving in the Army. Included were such well known artists as Nat. Gonella, Cherish Charles, Chester Trent, vocalist with Jack Payne's Orchestra, and Peter Cavenagh, the impressionist, as well as a host of other well-known theatrical names.

Out of this was built up an organization which even now has a total of 50 shows on the road bringing entertainment to troops in all parts of the world.

During the war, Stars in Battledress were front-line troops in the entertainment world, taking shows right up to the forward positions and often using lorries as stages. One company performed to the leading troops a few hours before the battle of El Alamein.

Stars in Battledress are made up almost entirely of professional artists. The latest London production, "Cavalade", was presented in July at the Albert Hall before the Royal Family.

This is the second Stars in Battledress company to visit Hong Kong, and it consists of eleven men and three girls, including an eight-piece swing band.

The show has its first performance at the Star Theatre at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Successful Race Meeting

Large crowds flocked to Happy Valley yesterday to see the second race meeting of the season, and brilliant sunshine helped to make it an unequalled success, with some heavy betting put in.

Among those taking a keen interest in the races were Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, C-in-C, Pacific Fleet, the GOC, Major-General F.W. Festing, and the AOC, Air Commodore Webster.

The racing itself was featureless, as nearly all the winners were the favourites. The only exception was in the second race when Major Denholm rode Anthony past the winning post fully a length ahead of the favourite Tony, to pay backers \$90.50, the biggest dividend of the day.

The Tote Double also was a handsome figure. Each of the 13 lucky winners received \$520.10. The first prize in the Cash Sweep on the last race, drawn by ticket No. 37982, was \$38,485.

Following are the results:—

1st Race—Aintree Handicap (5 furlongs).
1st, Flicker (L/Sto. Rowlands).
2nd, Mary (Gdamm, Mark Singh).
3rd, Tribute (Maj. Hodgman).
Also ran: Goly (Mae. Brockbank), Inshalla (Corder Quibell), Johnny (LAC Gay) and Sharney (Capt. Peary).
Winner—\$9.50.
Places—1st \$5.90; 2nd \$10.00; 3rd \$5.80.

2nd Race—Salisbury Stakes (6 furlongs).
1st, Anthony (Maj. Denholm).
2nd, Tony (Capt. Peary).
3rd, Stardust (L/Sto. Rowlands).
Also ran: Billy (Capt. Hobbs), Boxer (Corder Quibell), Duke (Gdamm, Mark Singh) and Moses (Maj. Parsons).
Winner—\$90.50.
Places—1st \$10.00; 2nd \$8.00; 3rd \$7.60.

3rd Race—Ascot Stakes (4 furlongs).
1st, Florry Hope (Lt. Walford).
2nd, Florry (Lt. Cdr. Pearson).
3rd, Jonaal (Lt. Porter).
Also ran: Gypsy (Cpl. Lakin) and Tom (Capt. Peary).
Winner—\$18.20.
Places—1st \$8.10; 2nd \$7.20.

4th Race—Newmarket Handicap (5 furlongs).
1st, Resalder (Capt. Peary).
2nd, Nigger (Maj. Denholm).
3rd, Mayfair (L/Sto. Rowlands).
Also ran: Jacobus (Corder Quibell), Prince (Major Hodgman) and The Undertaker (LAC Gay).
Winner—\$25.00.
Places—1st \$11.20; 2nd \$7.90; 3rd \$9.70.

5th Race—Epsom Stakes (5 furlongs).
1st, Doreen (Maj. Hodgman).
2nd, Mous (Capt. Peary).
3rd, Duke II (

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BRITISH GANG STOLE WINDSOR JEWELS

Paris, Oct. 19.
 Official police circles in Paris are ready to co-operate with Scotland Yard in investigating the theft of the Duchess of Windsor's jewels but at the moment all they know on the subject is what they read in the newspapers. M. Rene Ducloux, French head of the International Criminal Police Commission, said tonight: "We have not received one word from Scotland Yard nor from the London branch of the International Police Commission regarding the jewel robbery at the Duke of Windsor's home."

"I am sure that if any Scotland Yard officer was here in Paris regarding the affair, he would have reported to us."

"We are constantly in touch here with the other police chiefs in Paris—headquarters of the Prefecture and the heads of the Police Judiciaire—and they have reported nothing to us about co-operating with the British police about possible French angles to the robbery."

Asked if this meant that silence on the part of the British police could be interpreted as indicating the robbery was the work of a wholly British or American gang, M. Ducloux said cautiously that it was reasonable to suppose that if there

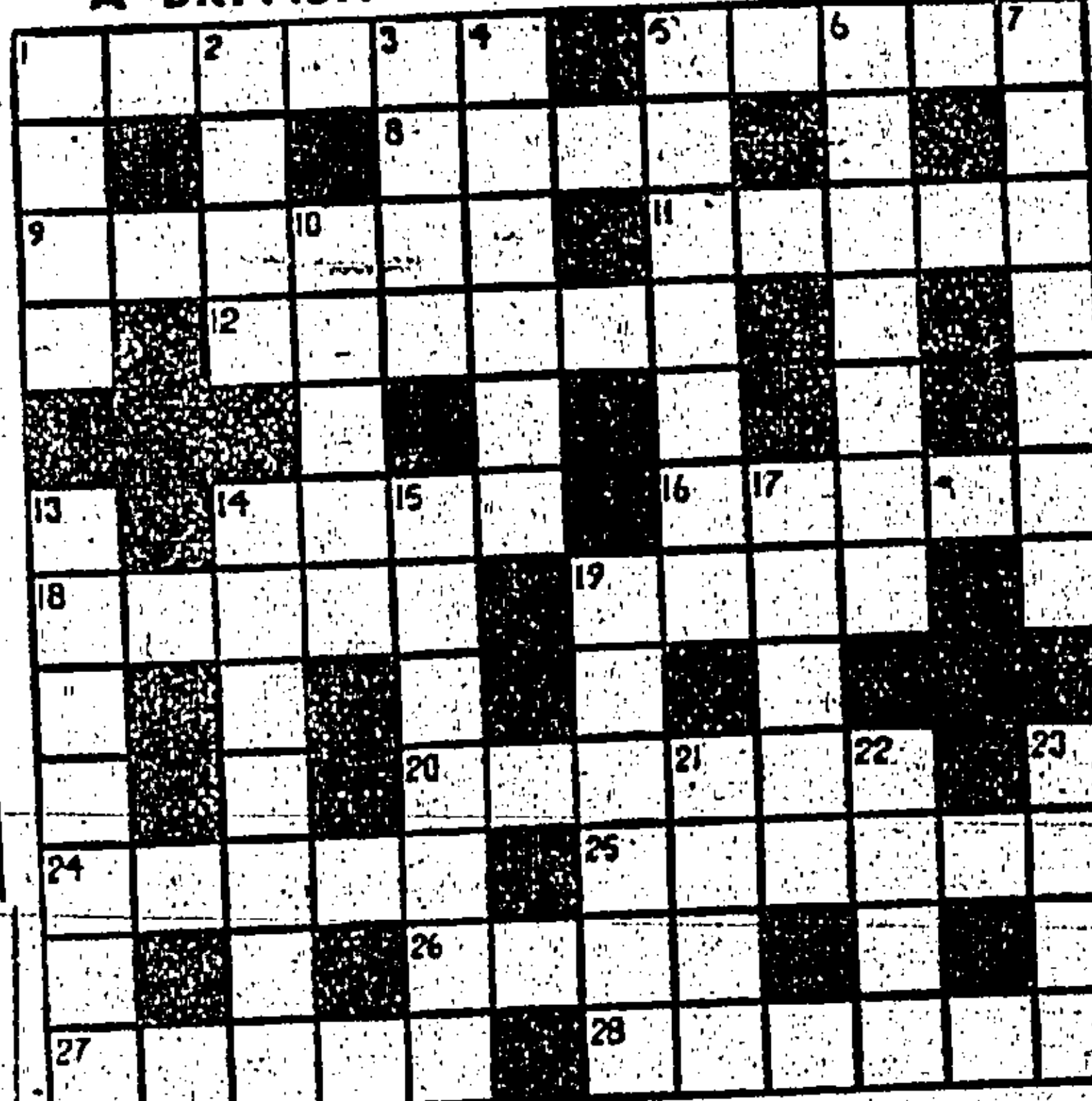
were a French angle, co-operation of the French police would have been enlisted.

Experts Busy

The French police have several experts whose duty it has been to keep in close touch with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor's activities ever since they came back to their Paris home a few months after the Liberation.

Every visitor to their home here was known to the police experts and there is no doubt that any possible clue to any French connection with the robbery is being thoroughly investigated and forwarded to London.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Across

1. Term.
5. Keen.
8. Wagers.
9. Redeem.
11. Young animals.
12. Detective.
14. Grant.
16. Obtain by force.
18. Conscious.
19. River or goddess.
20. Peril.
24. Spry.
25. Changes.
26. Observe.
27. Leas.
28. Freedom of access.

Down

1. Saucy.
2. Moves quick.
3. Wind instrument.
4. Coy.
5. Shuns.
6. Channels.
7. Reprieve.
13. Coward.
14. Whim.
15. Deprives of sensation.
17. Metal fastener.
19. Inborn.
21. Valley.
22. Back.
23. Small island.

PURGE IN GERMANY

Hamburg, Oct. 20.
 The British Military Government announced yesterday that 10,965 persons were removed from office in the British zone of Germany in September under the denazification laws. The total removed since the occupation is 163,621.—Associated Press.

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London, Oct. 10.
A gas turbine locomotive—the first of its kind to go into service—which will be capable of a maximum speed of 80 miles per hour and which will develop an output of 2,500 horse power, has been ordered by the Great Western Railway from the British Brown-Boveri Company.
The locomotive will be used for express passenger services. It is understood that the new

locomotive which will embody several jet principles will be subjected to tests as soon as it is completed.—Reuter.

U.S. COTTON

Washington, Oct. 20.
The Treasury announced today the total debt Oct. 10 was \$263,723,040,015 compared with \$262,272,784,767 on Oct. 10, 1945. Assets were \$20,245,275,491, compared with \$20,089,810,995.—A.S. associated Press.

Economist Calls For No Tariff

London, Oct. 19.

Clair Wilcox, American State Department economist, today called for the liberation of world trade from tariff and preferential restrictions with a warning that the United States was in the best position to survive the strain of an all out trade war.

Wilcox heads the United States delegation to the United Nations sponsored preparatory committee for an international conference on trade and employment.

He outlined American proposals for the removal of restrictions on international commerce.

"If the trade of the world were to be governed by rules opposite to those contained in the suggested charter," he declared, "the United States would deeply regret it but it could adapt itself to the resulting situation; its economy would survive the strain. But the other nations in this respect are less fortunately endowed than we are. For us, strangulation of trade would necessitate a difficult readjustment, for others it would spell catastrophe."

Wilcox, the first of the delegation's spokesmen to state in general terms the policies they will pursue in the preparatory talks, summarised the American proposals as calling for multilateral trade agreements, non-discrimination, prosperity and stability and a code of conduct in international commerce as well as the reduction of trade barriers.—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Oct. 19.

The stock market tried timidly for selective recoveries but most leaders failed to attract worthwhile support and dealings were among the smallest of the past year or so.

Numerous pivots were unchanged. Brokers said recently slumping commodities served to accentuate speculative and investment caution.

Among the layards was Allied Chemical Advancers included Texas Company and Philip Morris.

Transfers were around 350,000. The Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 61.05, 20 Industrials 171.34, 15 Rails 47.50, 10 Utilities 34.85.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 15%, American Smelting 55%, American Telephone 173%, American Tobacco 85%, American Waterworks 15%, Anaconda Copper 35%, Aviation Corporation 74%, Baldwin Locomotive 20%, Bend 95%, Boeing Aircraft 22%, Canadian Pacific 13%, J. I. Case 37%, Chrysler 81%, Colgate 50%, Corp. Products 66%, Dupont de Nemours 176%, Electric Power and Light 15%, General Electric 23%, General Motors 51%, Goodrich 70%, Goodyear 69%, Homestake Mining 39%, International Harvester 73%, International Paper 42%, International Tel. & Tel. 17%, Kennecott Copper 46%, Montgomery Ward 69%, National Distillers 22%, National Lead 30%, New York Central 15%, Packard Motors 6%, Pan-American Airways 31%, Pennsylvania RR 26%, Radio Corporation 10%, Republic Steel 27%, Reynolds Tobacco 40%, Schenley 61%, Sears Roebuck 33%, Shell Oil 30%, Socony Vacuum 14%, Southern Pacific 42%, Standard Oil of Calif. 65%, Standard Oil of N.J. 69%, Studebaker 71%, U.S. Rubber 67%, U.S. Steel 70%, Washington 25%, Yonkers Sheet & Tube 66%.—Associated Press.

U.S. DEBT PLUNGE

New York, Oct. 20.

The nation's cotton exchanges were closed Saturday after a three day plunge in which prices dropped as much as \$25.00 a bale.

The decision of the exchanges to close for a short session was described in New York as a means of providing "a breathing spell" so the situation could be analyzed over the weekend.—Associated Press.

Mystery Figure Held Up

New York, Oct. 20.

Gerhard Mieser, identified by a former editor of the Communist newspaper "Daily Worker" as the mysterious figure directing all Communist activity in the United States, had his scheduled departure on Friday for Austria blocked by the cancellation of his exit permit.

The State Department would not discuss the cancellation, but the "Daily Worker" said that it came after the Federal Bureau of Investigation questioning of Eisler in connection with assertions made by him about Louis Budenz, former "Daily Worker" editor who renounced Communism to join the Catholic Church.

Budenz said that he took orders from Eisler, who had the pseudonym of Hans Berger. He declined to give further information about Eisler, saying that he would be a witness in late November in Washington before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The "Daily Worker" quoted Eisler as saying that the charges were "too ridiculous to answer."

Eisler as saying that the charges Associated Press.

Buildings On Skates

New York, Oct. 19.

A method of putting buildings on roller skates so they can glide in protection against earthquakes was announced by the Ball and Roller Bearing Information Centre, in connection with the pioneer installation of this device in a Los Angeles, California, building.

The newfangled "skates"—a special roller bearing assembly—will allow a building to roll six inches in any direction to cushion an earthquake shock.

At present they are being installed in the construction of a three story addition and rest upon 65 sets of bearing assemblies so the structure can glide sideways without vertical stress.

The roller bearing units are like five decker sandwiches consisting of three steel plates with two layers of steel rollers in between. Each bearing assembly supports a load of 250,000 pounds.—Associated Press.

Far East Ship Delay

Colombo, Oct. 19.

Six ships sailed from the harbour here without completing their discharging of cargo, while another five or more have been or are to be diverted, owing to the three-day old strike of harbour workers.

Essential exports like tea, rubber and copra are affected. All ships sailing from Malaya, India and Britain have been instructed to reserve space for cargo for Colombo.

Arrangements have, however, been made to unload food ships and every effort is being made to see that foodstuffs due here within the next few days are not diverted.—Reuter.

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